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July - duller and cooler than normal, but drier too After a dismal start, better weather later in July meant that no weather records were broken this month. Provisional figures released by The Met. Office this afternoon show that average sunshine across England and Wales has been the lowest recorded since 1988.

With one day's sunshine left to be measured July has seen an average of 5.1 hours of sunshine per day, which is 86% of the 5.9 hours per day measured in a typical July. July 1988 saw 4.9 hours of sunshine per day.

Despite some heavy localised downpours, an average of 50 mm of rain has been collected across England and Wales. This represents 81% of the normal July rainfall of 62 mm. Temperatures were a little lower than normal. The mean Central England Temperature this July has been 15.5°C, 0.6°C below the normal July figure of 16.1°C.

Notes:

- The England and Wales sunshine series dates back to 1909.
- The England and Wales rainfall series dates back to 1766.
- The Central England Temperature series is the longest running weather record in the world and dates back to 1659.
- Significant variations from these 'average' figures are likely in individual locations.

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